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**REP. THORPE CALLS UPON ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL TO END  
VIOLENCE AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**Several legislators support proposal to discipline groups that promote violence against law enforcement**

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Monday, July 18, 2016)** - "The attacks upon and murders of our law enforcement personnel across our nation, which are up by 40% over 2015, are just as unacceptable as the radical Islamic terror attacks. In light of the horrific murders on Sunday of 3 police officers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the 5 officers murdered last week in Dallas, Texas, we call upon the Arizona Attorney General and our county prosecutors to seek Federal hate crimes charges against any individual or group (including those who provide them with financial support) that promotes violence towards Arizona law enforcement, and to also treat them as co-conspirators to commit murder whenever our officers are harmed, especially for racially-motivated reasons. Arizonans must resolutely stand shoulder to shoulder in support of our law enforcement community."

State Representatives in support: Brenda Barton, Paul Boyer, Regina Cobb, Mark Finchem, Anthony Kern, Jay Lawrence, Warren Peterson, Tony Rivero, Kelly Townsend

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